How to use Relaxation Balls

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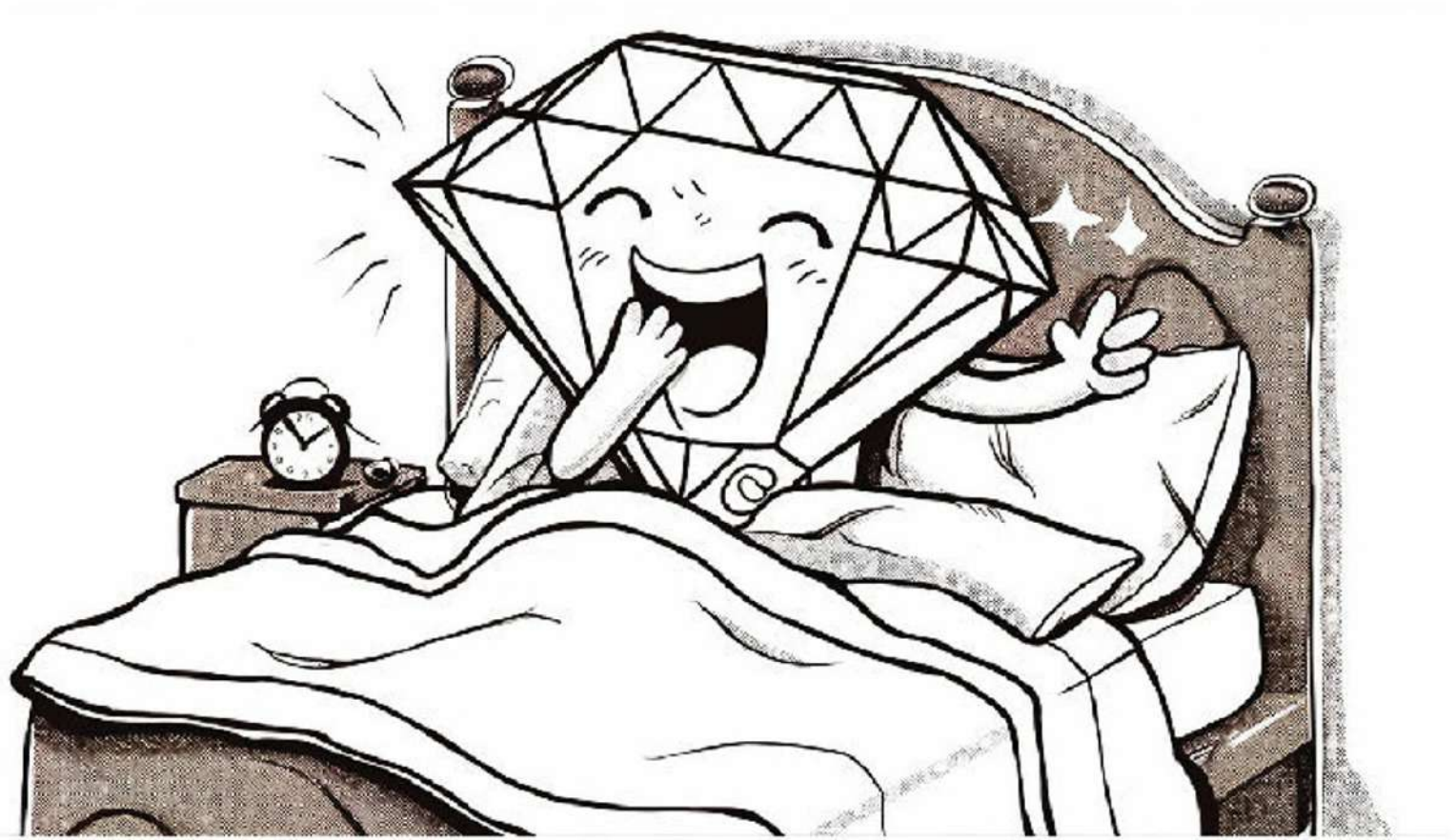

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Installing OTF fonts on Windows

MANAGING DOWNLOADS

for **Windows** users, first of all, if you're having trouble downloading your files from Etsy... no panic! You can send me a message requesting your files be sent through a download link (WeTransfer) or by email (it helps if you can reference the order number or send the invoice as an attachment).

Secondly, if you're interested in rhinestone fonts but haven't made a purchase yet because you're unsure they work on your system and programs, there's good news: if you head over to pemberton.it/samples (where you might have found this guide) you can download a sample rhinestone font, so you can practice following the instructions in this guide **free** of charge before deciding if rhinestone fonts are your cup of tea.

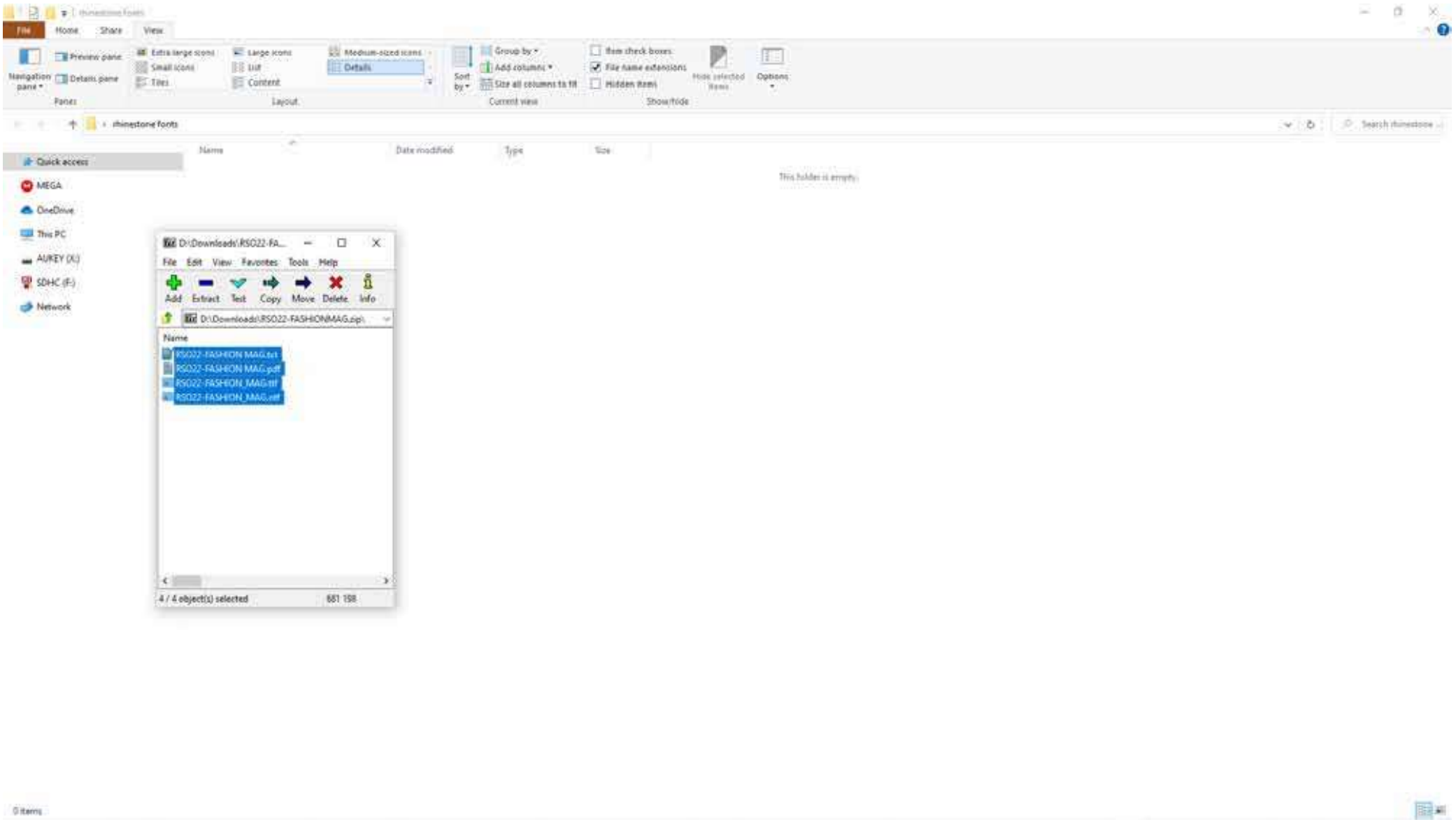
If downloading a single font, you might find it as a ready-to-install OTF file, but often (especially in the case of bundles) you might find your download comes as a **.ZIP archive.**

Once the file has been downloaded, if you are running **Windows 10 or 11**, nowadays the process is more straightforward compared to what it used to be: you should manage to open the file natively.

If you are running an **older version of Windows**, and you get an error message instead or are prompted to select a compatible program, that means that your computer most likely doesn't have a .zip archive manager installed.

No need to panic! You can download **7-Zip**, a free program that does just what you need, from [7-zip.org](7-zip.org).

At this stage, assuming your computer can (now) open .Zip files, if you double click on the downloaded file you will see a window listing the files contained in the Zip archive (in a similar way as you would see files in a folder); these files can now be selected and "drag-and-dropped" to a separate location (Desktop or Downloads folder etc...).



An example of how the open zip file should appear using 7-Zip.
The selected files are ready to be “drag-and-dropped” in the open folder.

INSTALLING OTF FILES

So, now that you have successfully extracted the Zip file contents... what are they exactly?

More recent releases from Lazy Diamondz are only available in OTF format, but older fonts might also be available in TTF; please note that if you happen to have such a download you only need to install one version, and that installing both OTF and TTF files means that one will overwrite the other; if both formats are available and you're not sure which is best for you, I strongly recommend the OTF file over the TTF (as a side note the process for installing TTF files is the same).

To install a **single font** it really is very simple: all you have to do is **double click on the file to open it and click on the "install" button.**

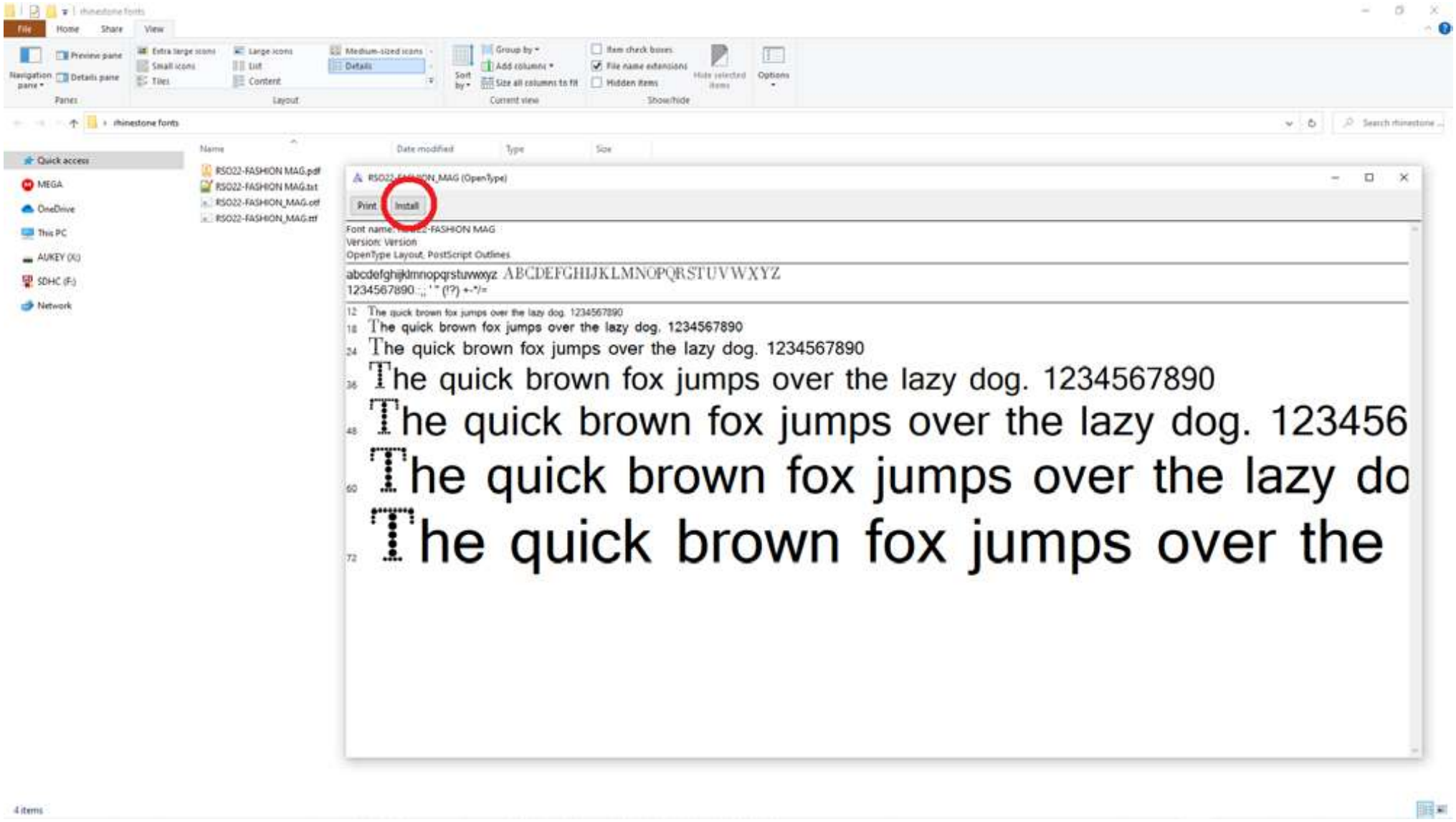
If you have downloaded a bundle containing **multiple fonts**, you don't need to open every single file one by one, but you have the option to install them all at once: simply **select all the fonts at the same time, right click and select "install" from the pop-up menu**.

To make use of font files on your computer, this process can't be avoided and please don't attempt to open fonts directly in the design program: they aren't meant to be used in place of SVG files.

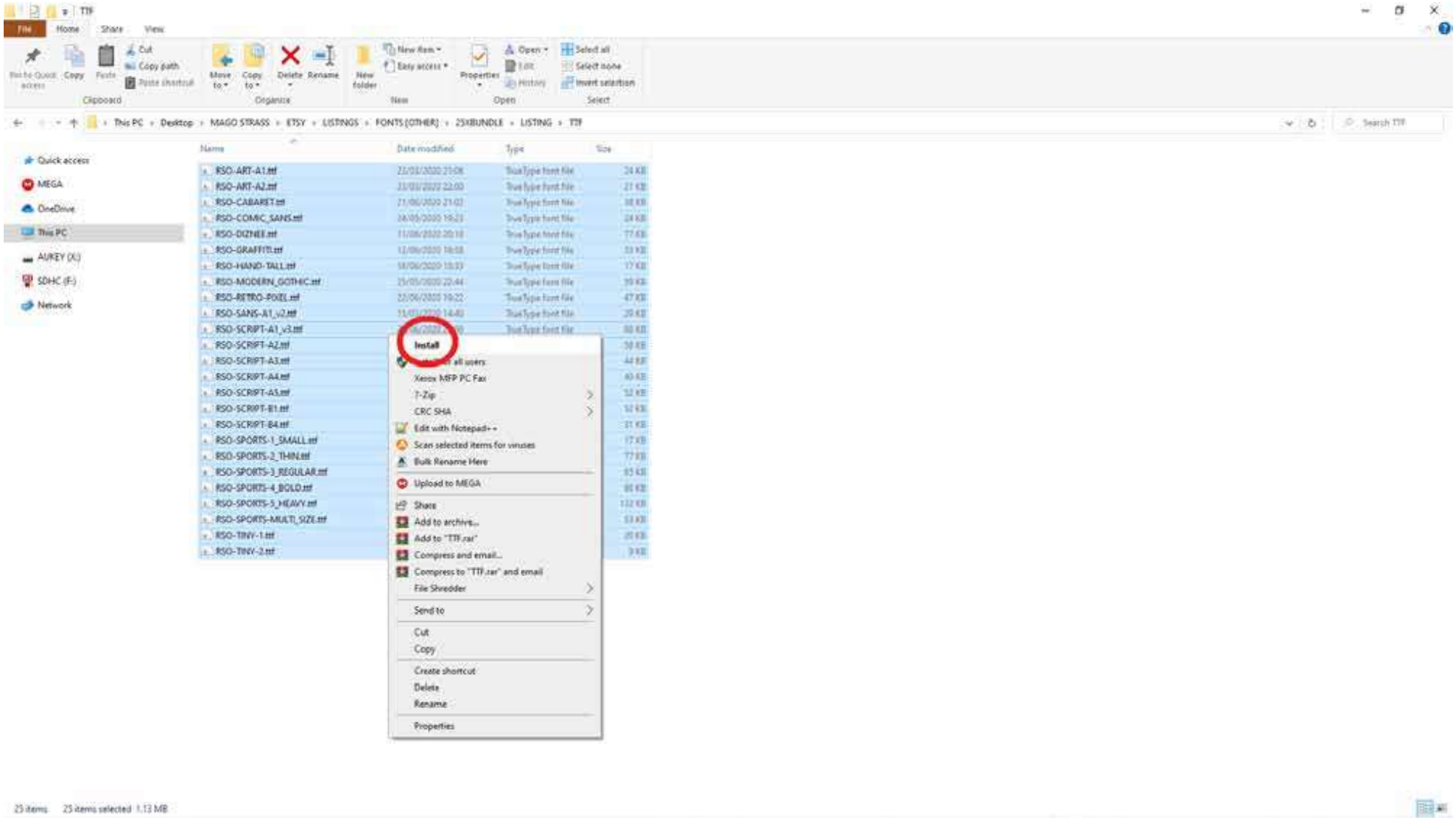
To use them correctly, first of all i**f your design program is open, close it and reopen** it (it's not mandatory but I also recommend restarting the computer).

You can now select the font just like any other font installed on your computer (Arial, Times New Roman, Century Gothic etc...) from the font list drop-down menu.

All **post 2023 fonts** downloaded from Lazy Diamondz start with the letters "**LD**"; **older fonts** start with "**RSO**". Font libraries are typically displayed in **alphabetical order**.



When you open a font file, all you need to do is click on the “install button”.



Shortcut to install more than one font at once.

General Usage

Generally speaking, whichever program you use to design and create rhinestone templates, the process for a correct use is basically the same:

First of all, you **select the rhinestone font you mean to use from the menu** (as mentioned previously, all fonts purchased from Lazy Diamondz or downloaded from Pemberton.it will appear under the prefixes LD or RSO);

After that, you can **change the font size according to the rhinestone size**(s) you mean to use. Every rhinestone font has a different set of values you must use for specific rhinestone sizes: every time you use a different rhinestone font, even if you are using the same rhinestone size, you must first check (and change) which value to input in the text size box. Newer and “remastered” fonts have Pt values for **SS6 and SS10** stones included in the end of the **font name;** for both old and new fonts, however, **size charts** for the correct input values can be found on the listing page on Etsy in the **item description and/or picture gallery,** and are also **included in the download** files as TXT, JPG and/or PDF file(s).

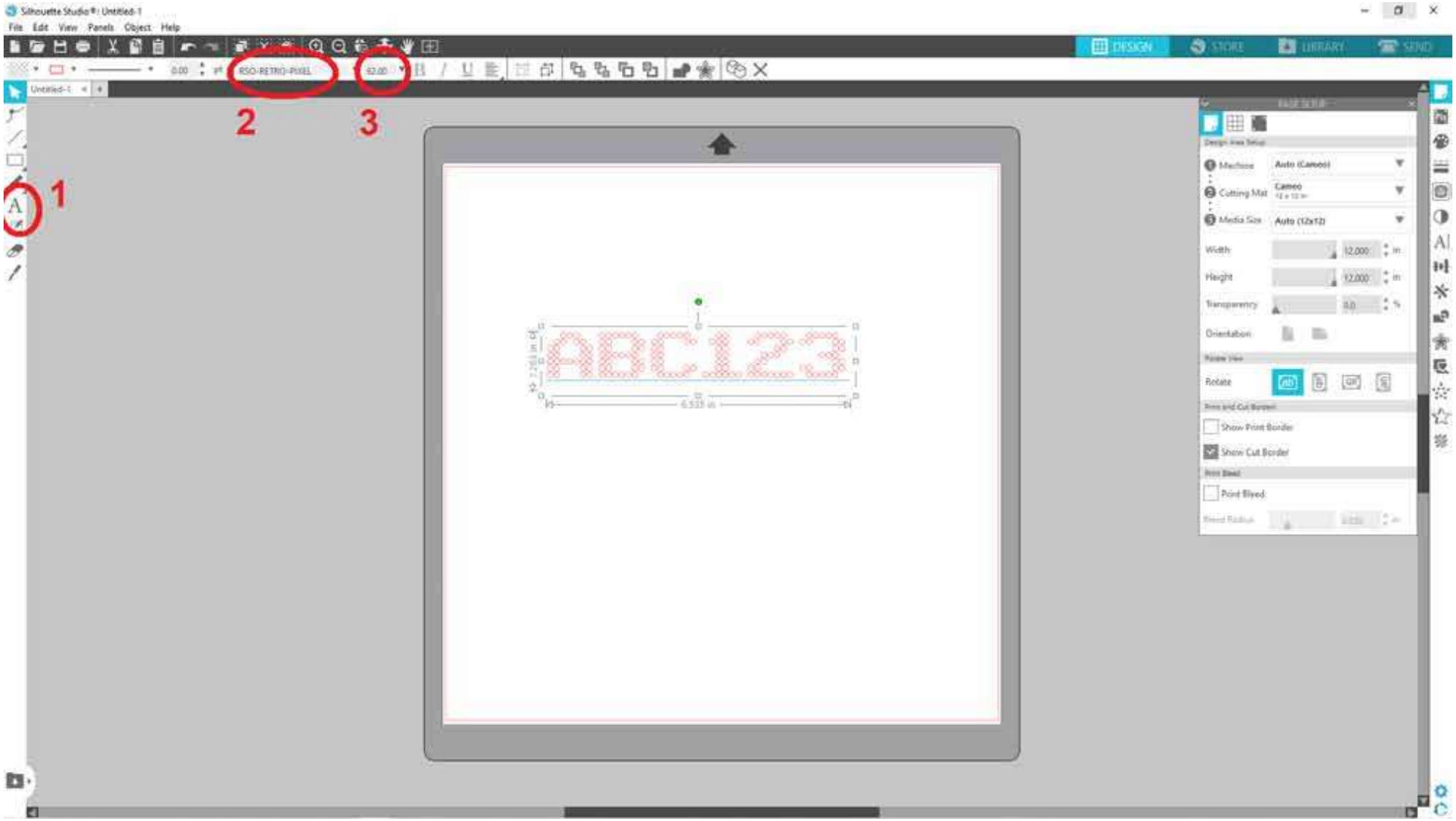
Now that you know where to find the information, how do you use it exactly? It really is very simple: in every reference chart, you will find colums/rows referencing different rhinestone sizes: SS6, SS10 and SS16.

Stone sizes are matched with 2 other values: Pt and Height (expressed in inches).

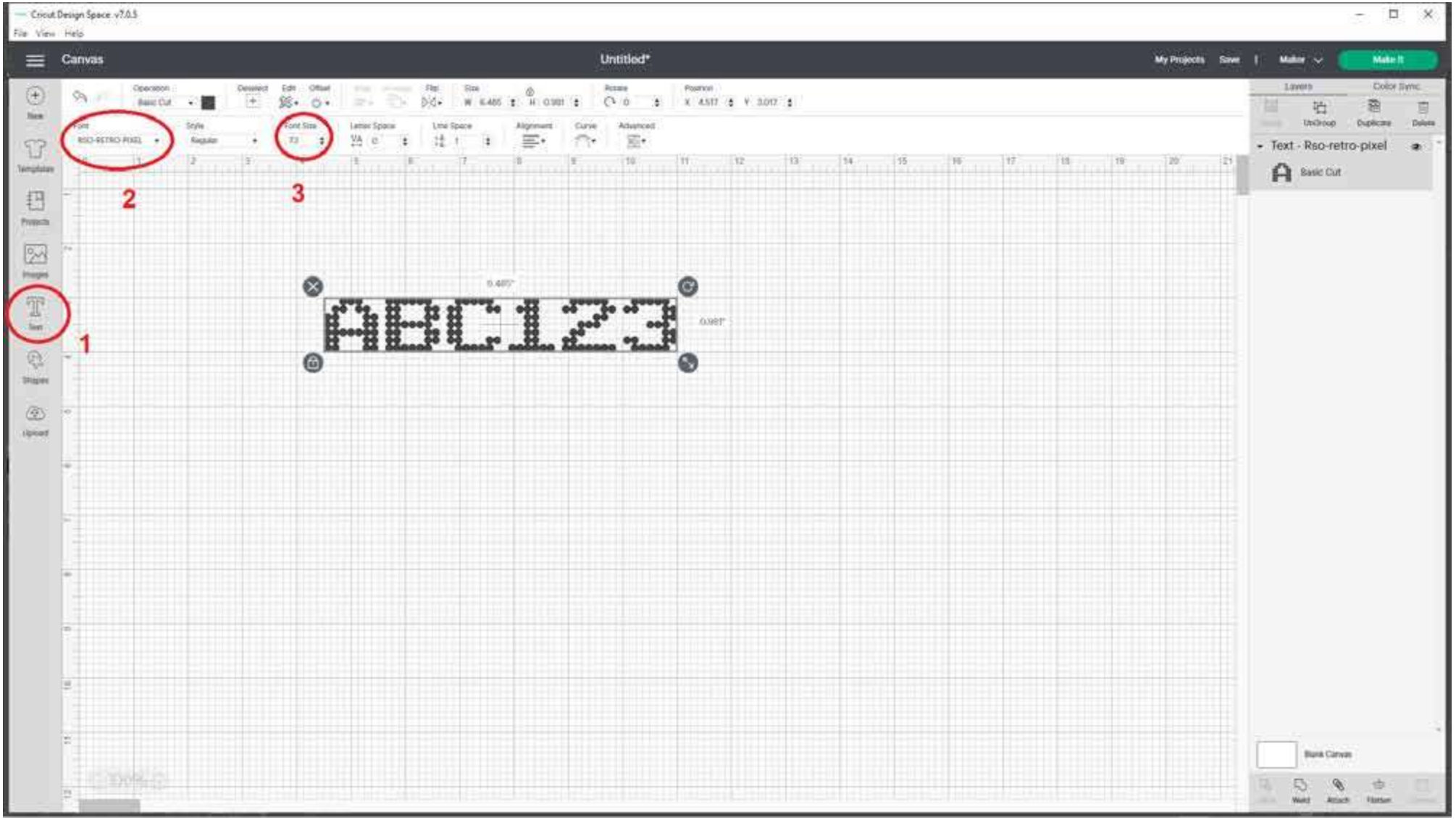
The latter value, **height, doesn’t represent a value you need to input**, but mostly a reference for the average and/or maximum height the typed words should come out at.

For a correct use, you only need to change size using the **text size box**, using the **pt (text height) value matching the stone size** you wish to use.

Please note these fonts are compatible and **meant to be used** with **vector graphics design programs (Illustrator, Corel Draw, InkScape...) and cutting machine software (Silhouette Studio, Cricut Design Space...)**, they reportedly don’t work well with bitmap editing programs (such as Paint) and programs meant for text editing (such as Microsoft Word).



For Silhouette Studio users: (1) makes the font menu appear; (2) is where you select the font you mean to use; (3) is where you insert the Pt value matching the stone size you mean to use.



For Design Space users: (1) makes the font menu appear; (2) is where you select the font you mean to use; (3) is where you insert the Pt value matching the stone size you mean to use.

Managing Layered (Multicolour) Fonts

Fonts that have been designed with more than one colour are split in multiple OTF files: same font name + different suffix (A, B etc...).

For a correct use, they all need to be installed: one isn't an alternative of the other.

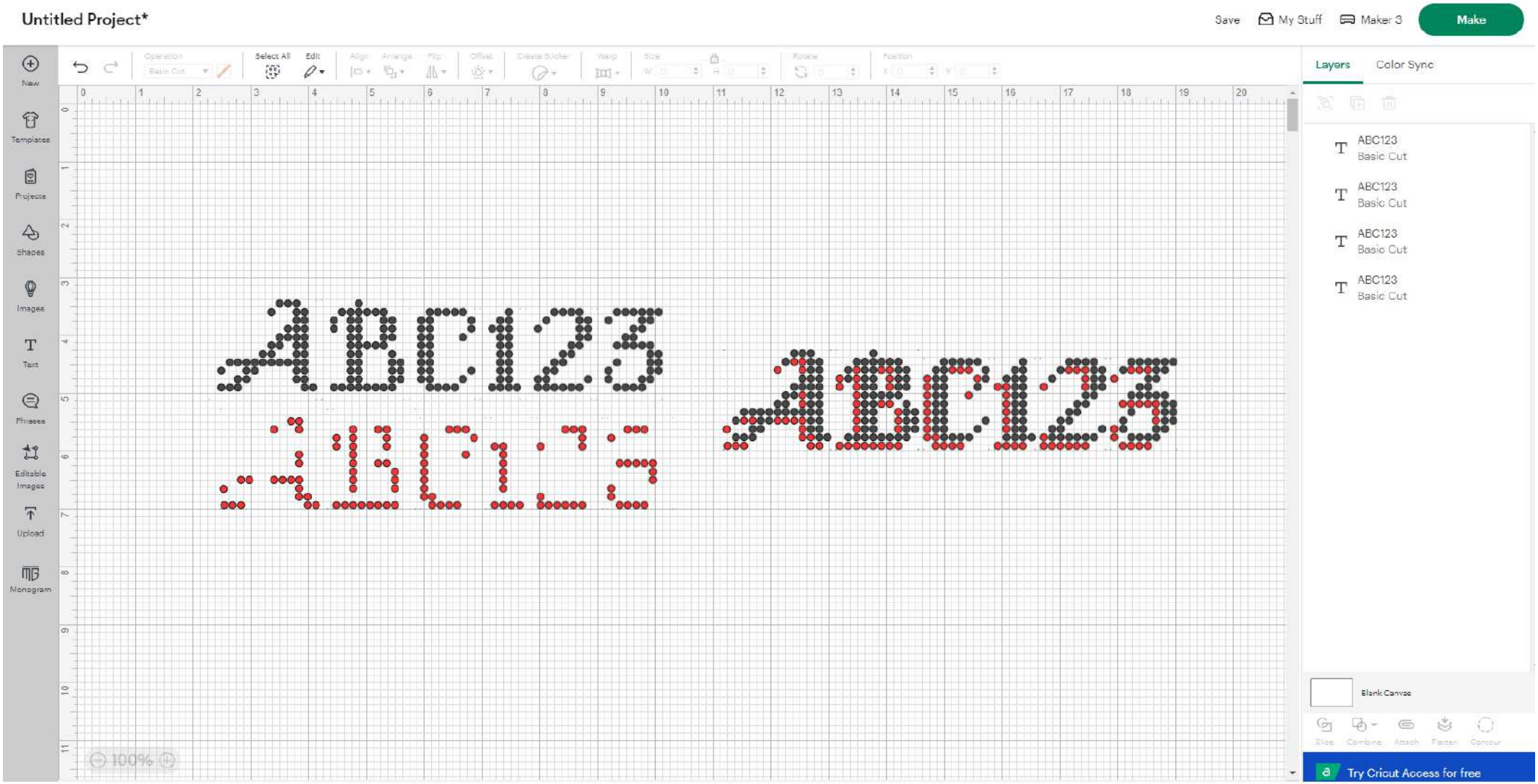
For use with **cutting machines (for templates)**:

1) type with Font A (after setting the correct Pt value);
2) copy the text element;
3) change the copied text element to Font B;
4) repeat steps 2 and 3 in case of fonts with more than two colours;
5) cut each element to a separate template.

For use with **automatic rhine-stone setting machines**:

1) type with Font A in your design program (after setting the correct Pt value);
2) **copy** the text element **IN PLACE** (if your program supports layers I suggest copying to a differ-ent layer);
3) change the copied text element to Font B;
4) change colour for Font B;
5) repeat steps 2, 3 and 4 in case of fonts with more than 2 colours.

Warning: if you need to edit the text in any way before cutting, I strongly advise starting over rather than editing the separate elements individually.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Additional Info for Cricut Users

If you have downloaded an older font or an older font bundle (pre-2024 collection), you might have noticed a different set of text sizes for Cricut Design Space that differ from the Pt value. That is because older versions of Cricut didn’t use the standard Pt unit for text height but instead used their own measuring unit. However, it appears that they fixed this with one of the **latest updates (time of writing: August 2024), so you can now refer to the standard Pt value.**

I understand that this change may cause confusion, especially if you have older listings that include multiple values specific to the previous system. I want to assure you that I am actively addressing this issue. I am in the process of reviewing and updating all the older font bundles and charts to align them with the new standard.

However, I am also closely monitoring the situation to ensure that this update is stable and consistent across all users. I recognize that a small but dedicated group of users prefers to keep their computers running offline versions of Design Space to avoid changes such as these. With this in mind, I am taking the necessary time to allow everything to settle before releasing the updated bundles and charts. This approach ensures that all users, regardless of their software version, will have clear and accurate information to work with.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as I work to make these updates as seamless as possible. I am committed to providing you with the best tools and resources for your rhinestone designs, and I will continue to monitor Cricut's updates closely to keep you informed and well-equipped.

FAQ

Answers to questions regarding:
- file downloads;
- .ZIP files;
- opening/installing font files;
- setting font size;

have been covered in previous sections.

Q: When I open the font file to install it, only the upper case "T" is displayed as a rhinestone font, why?

A: In Windows, font files are normally previewed with the phrase "The Quick Brown Fox etc..."; The first letter (T) is the only upper case letter in the sentence, so if that is the only character you see displayed with rhinestones, that most likely means that the font you are installing doesn't have any lower case letters available.

Q: When I type, the letters aren't showing, I am getting rectangles instead, why?

A: you are most likely typing characters that aren't available: to find out which characters are available for each font you can either use the quick reference sheets (there are columns indicating upper case letters, lower case letters, numbers and special characters availability) or browse the picture galleries on the listing page (usually included in the download) for a complete visualization of available characters.

Q: The letters aren't showing up as rhinestone font, but as a normal font... why?

A: likewise, you're either attempting to use unavailable characters... or, simply, you haven't selected a rhinestone font from the list.

Q: How can I use a size different from the ones that you have listed? For example, how can I use the font with SS20 stones?

A: The easiest way to calculate a size that isn't listed is to divide the SS6 Pt value by 2,1 (or the SS10 value by 3,1): this will give you the Pt value for a 1mm wide circle that you can multiply times "x" (roughly 5,1-5,2 in case of SS20 stones) to find the right value. There can be slight variations in rhinestone sizes across different manufactures, so I advise testing a single letter before cutting a whole project.
The appropriate size in mm is usually displayed on the packaging (to which you can add at least 0,1mm for a good fit).

Installing OTF Fonts on Linux

Linux distributions might handle font installation slightly differently depending on the desktop environment (e.g., GNOME, KDE, XFCE). Below are general steps that work for most distributions.
Steps for Linux (Ubuntu/Debian-based distributions):

Download the OTF Font:
Download the .otf font file to your computer. Extract the file if it is compressed.

Locate the Font File:
Open the folder containing the .otf font file.

Install the Font:
Option 1: Manual Installation for a Single User:
Create a .fonts directory in your home folder if it doesn't exist.

You can do this via the terminal:

```
mkdir -p ~/.fonts
```

Copy or move the .otf font file to this directory:

```
cp path/to/font.otf ~/.fonts/
```

Update the font cache:

```
fc-cache -f -v
```

Option 2: System-wide Installation:

For system-wide installation (requires root permissions), copy the font to the /usr/share/fonts directory:

```
sudo cp path/to/font.otf /usr/share/fonts/
```

Then update the font cache:

```
sudo fc-cache -f -v
```

Confirm Installation:
The font should now be available for all applications on your system.

Tips:
Use Font Manager Tools: Many Linux distributions come with font management tools (e.g., Font Manager on GNOME). These tools provide a GUI for installing, removing, and managing fonts.

Font Cache Update: Always update the font cache after installing new fonts to ensure the system recognizes them.

Installing OTF Fonts on Mac OS

Download the OTF Font:
Download the .otf font file to your computer. Extract it if it's in a compressed format like ZIP.

Locate the Font File:
Open Finder and navigate to the folder containing the .otf font file.

Install the Font:
Option 1: Double-click the font file. A preview window will appear. Click the "Install Font" button in the lower-right corner of the preview window.
Option 2: Drag and drop the .otf font file into the Fonts folder. Go to Finder > Go > Go to Folder, type ~/Library/Fonts, and press Enter. Drag the .otf file into this folder.

Confirm Installation:
The Font Book application will open, and the font will be installed and available for use in all applications.

Tips:
Use Font Book: macOS has a built-in application called Font Book for managing fonts. You can use it to enable, disable, or remove fonts.

Restart Applications: Restart any open applications to load the newly installed fonts.

Installing OTF Fonts on Android

Download the OTF Font:
First, download the .otf font file to your Android device. You can usually find it in the "Downloads" folder.

Install a Font Installer App:
Go to the Google Play Store and install a font installer app, such as "zFont," "iFont," or "FontFix." These apps provide a way to change your system font or use custom fonts within certain apps.

Open the Font Installer App:
Launch the app and grant any necessary permissions (e.g., storage access).

Install the OTF Font:
Inside the font installer app, navigate to the option to add or install a custom font.
Browse to the location where you downloaded the .otf file, and select the font.

Apply the Font:
Follow the app's instructions to apply the font to use it within certain supported apps.

Restart Your Device:
If needed, restart your device to apply the changes. This step may vary depending on the app and device.

Installing OTF Fonts on iOS

Method 1: Using a Font Management App

Download the OTF Font:
Download the .otf font file to your iOS device. You can do this directly through Safari or another browser.

Install a Font Management App:
Go to the App Store and download a font management app such as "iFont," "Font Diner," or "Adobe Creative Cloud." These apps allow you to install custom fonts for use in various apps.

Open the Font Management App:
Launch the app and navigate to the option to install fonts.

Add the OTF Font:
Use the app's interface to add the .otf file. Some apps allow you to browse your files, while others provide direct integration with your downloaded font.

Install the Font Profile:
The app will prompt you to install a configuration profile to add the new font to the system. Go to Settings > General > Profiles and install the profile. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

Use the Font:
Once installed, the new font will be available in supported apps.

Method 2: Using the Files App and iOS 13+ Font Installation

Download the OTF Font:
Open Safari or another web browser and download the .otf font file. It will be saved to the Files app by default.

Open the Files App:
Navigate to the location where the font was downloaded, typically in the "Downloads" folder.

Share to the Font Management App: Tap on the font file, then select the "Share" icon. Choose a font management app like iFont or Adobe Creative Cloud from the share sheet.

Install the Font:
Follow the instructions in the font management app to install the font profile.

The font is now installed and ready to use in compatible apps.